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SUBJECT: PROJECT PEACE BASKET

REF: A) 010600Z NOV 73, DET 15 2 ACFT DLVR GP CLARK AB;

B) TAIPEI 5883

1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH REQUEST REFTEL A (FROM DETACHMENT HAVING OPCON FOR MOVEMENT OF F5S FROM RVN TO ROC FOR REPAIR) EMBASSY DAO OBTAINED ROC AIR FORCE APPROVAL TO TAKE F5S AND T-39 SUPPORT AIRCRAFT INTO PINGTUNG NORTH ON MOTHER HUBBARD CLEARANCE. REFTEL A INDICATED TWO F5 AIRCRAFT WERE TO BE DELIVERED FROM RVN ON 7 NOVEMBER AND THREE ON 8 NOVEMBER, WITH FLOW OF REMAINING AIRCRAFT INDEFINITE. SUBSEQUENT GUIDANCE POSTPONED ARRIVAL UNTIL AFTER 15 NOVEMBER.

2. ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS BEING MADE AND TERMS AGREED WITH PINGTUNG DEPOT FACILITY TO EFFECT REPAIRS. WE DO NOT KNOW HOW MANY, IF ANY, AIRCRAFT IN PEACE BASKET PROJECT WILL REMAIN IN ROC AS CREDIT AGAINST 20 F5-A AIRCRAFT INVOLVED IN ENHANCE PLUS TRANSFER, NOR CAN WE MAKE ANY ESTIMATE AS TO WHEN THERE WILL BE TWENTY OPERATIONAL F5S TO RETURN TO ROC AF. IN ANY CASE, DESPITE POSSIBLE SURMISES ON PART OF ROC AS TO US INTENT, WE HAVE REFRAINED FROM NOTIFYING THE ROC REGARDING RETURN OF THE ENHANCE PLUS AIRCRAFT FROM RVN, AND WE HAVE NOT DISCUSSED ASSOCIATED

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PROBLEMS OF REIMBURSEMENT FOR SPARES OR RETURN OF ENGINES,

ATTENDANT F-4 REDEPLOYMENT OR WHO WILL PAY FOR CORROSION CONTROL.

3. IN APPRISING ROC OF ACTION TO RETURN 20 F-5-A, AIRCRAFT INVOLVED IN ENHANCE PLUS TRANSFER, IT IS ESSENTIAL WE PRESENT STRAIGHTFORWARD CASE AND BE PREPARED TO RESPOND TO GOVERNMENT'S INEVITABLE QUERIES. TO AVOID PIECEMEAL APPROACH REQUEST PROMPT GUIDANCE IN HANDLING QUESTIONS WE POSED IN PARA 6C REFTTEL B.
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